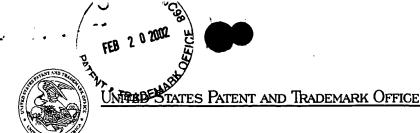
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## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

  Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
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  - \$486 for 27 total claims over 20.
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U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Appl. No. 10/035,335; Filed: January 4, 2002

For:

Method for Applying a Digital Watermark

to an Output Image from a Computer Program

Inventors:

Ameline et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," dated February 7, 2002, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. SKGF Cover Letter;
- 2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 3. Original executed Declaration for Patent Application;
- 4. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
- 5. Two (2) return postcards; and
- 6. SKGF check no. **34223** in the amount of \$1356.00 to cover: \$740.00 fee for filing nonprovisional application; \$130.00 surcharge for late filing of Declaration; and \$486.00 fee for total claims in excess of twenty (20).

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